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Re: EPA Comments on Draft 2012 Integrated Report

Dear Mr. Grant:

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment upon Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation's (ADEC) Draft 2012 Integrated Report (IR). We appreciate all the hard work that has gone into the creation of this document. The EPA is pleased to see that many of the comments that were submitted and changes that were requested during the last listing cycle were considered. The EPA appreciates the early involvement with the 303(d) Listing staff and we look forward to reviewing the final list submittal.

The EPA's most significant comment on the draft IR is that the Clean Water Act and EPA regulations require States to consider all readily available data and then place impaired waters on the 303(d) list. Our detailed comments on the ADEC draft 2010 IR are enclosed. The EPA is awaiting receipt of additional documentation on the status of those waters currently listed in Category 4b, so no comments on those specific waterbodies have been included here. In a number of cases, additional documentation has been requested or will be required to be submitted either in advance of or in conjunction with ADEC's final 2012 Integrated Report submittal.

The EPA hopes ADEC will find the enclosed comments useful in finalizing the 2012 IR. If you have any questions or would like to discuss our comments further, please feel free to contact me at (206) 553-6694, or Jill Gable of my staff at (206) 553-2582.

Sincerely,

David Croxton

David Croxton
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Enclosure

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